



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's a big year this year for us here in Taylorsville. We're celebrating our 25th birthday!

The anniversary is a significant milestone, to be sure. Our city got its start a quarter of a century ago, and we've seen a great deal of change since then, thanks to the visionary leadership and contributions of so many in our community.

The City of Taylorsville was incorporated on July 1, 1996, through the grass-roots efforts of citizens who developed a vision that would provide greater local control of community planning, economic development and municipal service delivery. It took a leap of faith and a start marked by humble beginnings. For several years, in fact, our city offices were located in a strip mall.



Now, of course, our city is recognized for its beautiful City Hall, where the Municipal Court, Police Department and Council Chambers are all located. Adding to the campus, we will soon see the development of the new Centennial Plaza including walkways, landscaping, public art, an outdoor stage and kitchen, and waterwall signage. The elegant new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center next door also will open this year.

The quality of life in Taylorsville is high with many cultural and recreational activities available here, and we value our reputation as a well-maintained residential and business community. A balance of homes, businesses and thriving commercial areas define our bustling suburb right in the heart of the Salt Lake Valley, and we are known as the place where community connects.

To celebrate our wonderful city, we are planning a birthday party marked by festivities throughout the year. From 1996 to 2021, these past 25 years are well worth commemorating. So our Taylorsville Arts Council will kick off the celebration with its Virtual Art Show, marking the city's Silver Jubilee. In honor of the anniversary, all of the artwork should be representative of Taylorsville City. Find details and the application to submit your artwork at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov/our-city/2021-taylorsville-art-show](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov/our-city/2021-taylorsville-art-show)

Next up, our Taylorsville Dayzz Committee plans to do it up big this year with a Birthday Bash to remember. Count on Taylorsville Dayzz in June, complete with fireworks, live music, good food, carnival rides and more!

We are so grateful for our Taylorsville home and for the planning, effort and vision of all those who work to make it the best city in Utah. Truly, there is no place I would rather be.

–Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Citywide Survey Brings Positive Results

Despite challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic, residents gave positive marks to the city in a new survey conducted by Y2 Analytics.

It is the second time in two years that a comprehensive, citywide poll has been conducted for Taylorsville in an effort to garner a benchmark and gauge of the health and wellness of the city and its services going forward.

Overall, the latest survey results indicate that Taylorsville residents are happy with the way the city is being run and believe it is headed in the right direction. Most notable is the high approval rating for the job that elected officials and administrators are doing.

"That's one of the areas that have improved since 2019, which is frankly astounding to see in a year when residents have felt a lot of current areas of their lives in tension (due to the pandemic)," said Kyrene Gibb, vice president of research and municipal services for Y2 Analytics, who presented the findings to the City Council at their March 17 meeting.

The survey was conducted from Nov. 10 to Dec. 7, 2020. In all, 517 residents completed the survey, representing a balanced geographic distribution of responses across the city and a 4.3 percent margin of error.

Fifty-seven percent of residents said the city is headed in the right direction. The city also received an average 77 on a zero-to-100 scale for its quality of life. "This is a very positive rating on residents' quality of life," Gibb said, "and compared to neighboring cities in the Salt Lake Valley, this is on the high-end average."

Residents also indicated that Taylorsville's central location is a top draw. In fact, almost all comments on what residents like most about living in Taylorsville focused on its good location and easy access to the highway and other parts of the valley.

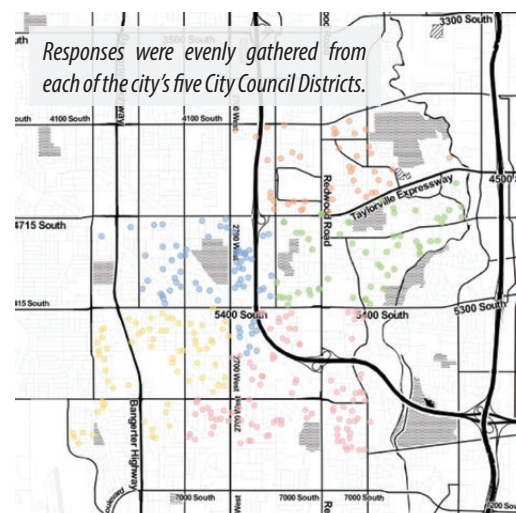
In addition, 89 percent of respondents said they either approve or strongly approve of the job elected officials are doing. "That is remarkably good," Gibb said, extending her congratulations. "Your residents are very happy with the job you are doing."

Residents expressed their most concern about traffic, crime and growth. But even then, they gave first responders and city administrators high marks, indicating that the city is working well to address those issues.

Most residents said the coronavirus has impacted their lives “to a pretty significant extent,” Gibb noted, but they also said the city has done an excellent or good job responding to the pandemic. Two-thirds of residents said the pandemic had little to no effect on their ability to access city services.

The survey further indicated a significant increase among residents of outdoor recreational amenities. "Residents increased the amount of time spent recreating in public parks this year compared to 2019," said Gibb. "When other venues were closed (because of the pandemic), they turned to the outdoors, and their satisfaction with city parks and open spaces has gone up slightly as well."

Mayor Kristie Overson said the sur-



Responses were evenly gathered from each of the city's five City Council Districts

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**Emergency**

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Unified Police Department Dispatch</b>	<b>801-743-7000</b>
<i>(Non-Emergencies)</i>	
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>801-743-7200</b>
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	<b>1-800-222-1222</b>

**Frequently Called Numbers**

Animal Control Shelter	801 -965 -5800
Animal Control After Hours Dispatch	801 -840 -4000
Building Inspection	801 -955 -2030
Chamber West <i>(Chamber of Commerce)</i>	801 -977 -8755
Gang Tip Line	385 -468 -9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up <i>(Wasatch Front Waste &amp; Recycling)</i>	385 -468 -6325
Granite School District	385 -646 -5000
Health Department	385 -468 -4100
Highway Conditions <i>(from cell phone)</i>	511
Park Reservations	385 -468 -7275
Public Works <i>(Salt Lake County)</i>	385 -468 -6101
Dominion Energy	800 -323 -5517
Rocky Mountain Power	888 -221 -7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801 -974 -6920
Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District	801 -968 -9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	801 -815 -0003
Taylorsville Senior Center	385-468-3370
Taylorsville Code Enforcement	801 -955 -2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801 -963 -0268
Taylorsville Library	801 -943 -4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385 -468 -1732
Swimming Pool <i>(Memorial Day to Labor Day)</i>	801 -967 -5006
Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center	801 -281 -0631
UDOT Region 2	801 -975 -4900
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801 -743 -3882

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vey provides a useful guide for the city. "It is helpful for us to identify what residents are thinking and areas where we might improve," she said. "Achieving a baseline going forward is especially valuable as we set goals and priorities for the city."

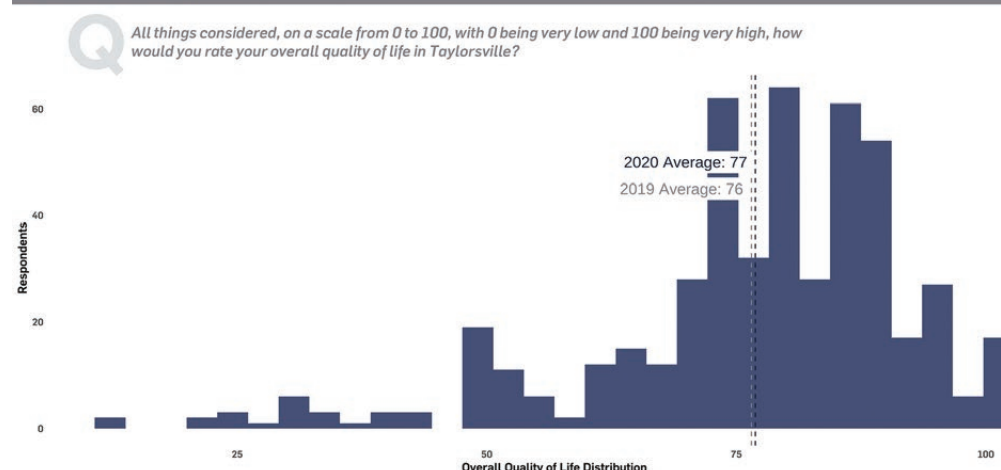
City Council Member Anna Barbieri pointed out, in particular, the positive comments expressing support for Taylorsville police officers. "I was taken aback," she said. "In this survey, it was overwhelmingly positive, and people want to see more police officers in the City of Taylorsville."

Gibb agreed that the input "presents a unique opportunity as you work to bring the Police Department in-house and set priorities and agendas for that department."

An overview of the survey results can be viewed on the city's website at [www.taylorsvilleut.com](http://www.taylorsvilleut.com)

**RESIDENTS RATE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE POSITIVELY**

On average, residents give Taylorsville a quality of life rating of 77 on a scale of 0-100. Only 9% of residents give Taylorsville a score of 50 or lower.

**Coronavirus Vaccine is Distributed, Restrictions Eased**

The coronavirus vaccine is expected to be available to everyone in Utah this month. This past month, vaccine eligibility was expanded to Utahns 50 and older, as well as those with type I and type II diabetes, a BMI (body mass index) over 30, or chronic kidney disease.

Previous categories of vaccine recipients have included health care workers, school staff, residents 70 years and older, and then 65 and older, as well as residents with qualifying health conditions. As of mid-March, more than a million doses have been administered in Utah.

"Hopefully, by April the vaccine availability will be open to those that want it under the age of 50 years of age," said Gov. Spencer Cox during a press conference on March 4.

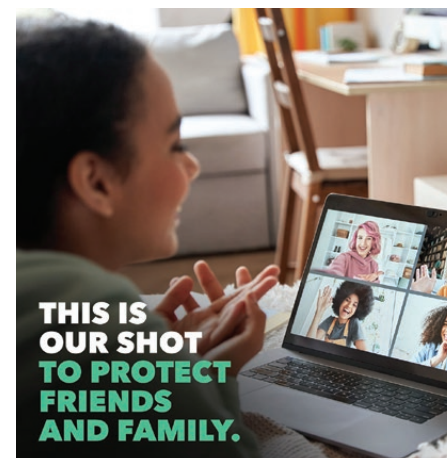
Utah's statewide mask mandate also will end April 10 under a law passed by the Utah Legislature. However, Gov. Cox clarifies that while the broader mask mandate will be lifted, masks will still be required in schools and for large gatherings.

The new legislation allows local health departments to require face coverings with approval from their county commissions or councils.

As for Salt Lake County, it has moved from a "high" to "moderate" transmission level. Under the moderate level, physical distancing is now recommended, not required (with a few exceptions).

Utah has been operating under a low, moderate and high transmission index since October. State leaders moved to the new strategy instead of designating the risk of the virus under a color-coded system. The transmission index ties restrictions to local case numbers and testing rates.

"Lessening restrictions does not mean we are out of the woods and they could be tightened later," Gov. Cox said. "Nationally, we are concerned when other states lessen restrictions too early. We are only as safe as our weakest state, if other states open and case spread occurs, it may have an effect on Utah as COVID is not a respecter of boundaries."

**EVENTS APRIL 2021****April 4 – All day**

Happy Easter!

**April 7 & 21 – 6:30 p.m.**

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a live-stream of the meeting on the city's website, [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)

**April 13 – 7 p.m. & April 27 – 6 p.m.**

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

**April 22 – All day**

Earth Day. (The annual collection/clean-up event has been delayed until June. See below).

**April through June 1**

The Taylorsville Arts Council is seeking submissions for its virtual Art Show, commemorating Taylorsville's 25th Anniversary. See Page 5.

Find our calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication. Go to [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)

**SAVE THE DATE:****Saturday, June 19 – 8 a.m. to noon**

Annual Earth Day Collection @ Taylorsville High School

**June 24 to 26**

Taylorsville Dayzz @ Valley Regional Park



## COUNCIL CORNER

By Council Member Meredith Harker

Spring is here, and if you are anything like me, you've looked forward to that statement for months. Spring is a time for rebirth and renewal, and we could all use a little bit of that after the year we just went through.

I recently looked back through all the photos stored on my phone to what was happening a year ago. I was surprised to rediscover all the emotions I felt with the closure of schools, the virus, the earthquake, and other challenges. The memories of what started a year ago all came flooding back. Luckily, the end is in sight!

The coronavirus vaccinations that are being dispersed as quickly as possible are an absolute miracle. As a teacher, I was one of the first on the list to get both doses of the vaccine. What a blessing to know that I am now fully immune to the COVID-19 virus. I hope our residents are taking advantage of the opportunity to get vaccinated, as well, so that we can all get back to the things we love about life.

I know that we have much to look forward to here in Taylorsville. Already we are making preliminary preparations for Taylorsville Dayzz, a live 5K race, movies at City Hall, shows at our new Performing Arts Center, and other activities and gatherings. The only

## Let's Get Back to Normal by Getting Vaccinated

way all of these events will happen is if people get vaccinated. We are so close.

Gov. Spencer Cox has said that everyone in the state should be eligible to receive the vaccine this month. To date, the vaccines have been distributed by categories, with first doses administered to health care workers, school personnel, and residents 70 years and older. Those 65 and older soon followed, as well as residents with qualifying medical conditions. Vaccine eligibility was again expanded this past month to residents 50 and older, as well as those with type I and type II diabetes, a BMI (body mass index) over 30, or chronic kidney disease.

The process is smooth as can be. You can even get a drive-through vaccine at the Maverik Center, and now receive a shot at many neighborhood pharmacies. To find a vaccination location near you and schedule an appointment to be vaccinated, go to: <https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/vaccine/> There is also an excellent Q&A there about the vaccines and coronavirus.

As of mid-March, more than a million doses of the vaccine had been administered in Utah, or 158,000 doses weekly. In all, 79% of adults over 70 had been vaccinated, 64% of those ages 65-69 had received at least one dose, and 29% of those ages 50-64 had received at least one dose. Gov. Cox notes, "Getting



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Dan Armstrong (District 5), Curt Cochran, Chair (District 2), Meredith Harker (District 4), Anna Barbieri, Vice Chair (District 3), and Ernest Burgess (District 1)

the vaccine not only protects you but everyone else around you."

As we move forward, I hope we all can look back a little, too, on the lessons learned from this year-long experience. I, for one, will never take hugs, smiles and handshakes for granted ever again. It is our interactions that make up a community. We have helped each other and will continue to do so, as we always do. Once again, Taylorsville has proven that we can make it through anything together.

## City Gives Notice of 2021 Municipal Election

The City of Taylorsville will hold a municipal general election on Nov. 2 to elect three council members (one each from Council Districts 3, 4 and 5) and a Mayor. All are to serve four-year terms beginning January 2022. If necessary, a municipal primary election will also be held on Aug. 10.

The filing period will run from Tuesday, June 1, through Monday, June 7, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Taylorsville City Hall. Candidates must

file a Declaration of Candidacy form in person with the Taylorsville City Recorder at City Hall, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd., during the filing period. Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available in the City Recorder's Office or on the city website at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov).

A candidate must have been a Taylorsville resident for at least 12 consecutive months (365 days) immediately prior to the date of the general election, and if running for a council office, must be a resident of the applicable council district. A candidate must also be a registered voter.

A filing fee of \$100 must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy. However, the filing fee will be reduced to \$50 for candidates who submit a nomination petition containing 25 signatures of city residents who are at least 18 years old.

For additional information, please visit the city's website at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov) or contact Jamie Brooks, City Recorder, at 801-963-2005.

Receive emails from the city

## eNotifications

Sign up at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)





## Taylorsville City Police Department

## UPDATE

TVPD Team Focuses  
on Outreach, Recruitment

Monthly updates on the formation of the Taylorsville City Police Department will be provided on this page through July 2021.

In late February, the Project Management Team invited back the original community outreach group – those who assisted in the SWOC (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges) analysis in the fall of last year. The data points collected at that time formed the basis of the strategic plan for the new police department.

The purpose of the reunion was to share the draft plan, gather final thoughts from the outreach group, and ensure the original information captured will assist in sustaining the new force. Happily, all in attendance seemed pleased with the outcomes and desired outcomes going forward. The strategic plan has since been approved by the City Council and is available to view on the city website.

**Transparency**  
**Connection**  
**Collaboration**  
**CULTURE**  
**Respect**  
**Innovation**



Over the course of the past month, members of command staff and city officials have continued their recruitment efforts for the new police department. As of this writing, all 10 sergeants have received job offers, respective to their various roles (e.g., Patrol, Street Crimes, K9, etc.).

The job announcement for our 50 sworn police officers was posted in mid-March, with interviews slated to be complete by mid-April. Job offers should be made to those selected by the first part of May. In addition, the office manager and records manager have also been hired and will be transitioning to the new department in May. Remaining support staff will likewise be interviewed in May and hired by mid-June.

Continued efforts are resulting in the procurement or contracting of equipment, forensics, evidence storage, and the further development of policies.

Per our charter and timeline, the Team completed the following March objectives:

- Solidified the org-chart (roles, responsibilities, job descriptions, reporting)
- Research behavioral health and wellness (resiliency) options for personnel
- Recruitment announcements for sergeants and officers
- Finalized IT hardware/software needs (equipment, timecards, IA, evaluations)
- Created timeline and rotation for vehicle lighting/radio installs, marking, etc.

## New Police Shields are Delivered to City Hall



Taylorsville City Police Chief Brady Cottam and Deputy Chief Todd Gray now have their shields.

The police shields for the new TVPD, which becomes fully operational on July 1, were delivered to City Hall on March 5.

"It was so fun to open the boxes and see the beautiful new shields that will grace our officers' uniforms," said Mayor Kristie Overson. "We are excited for our officers and the new department and are looking forward to its launch."

The design of the new shields incorporates the Taylorsville seal, as well as the symbol of the American eagle, representing TVPD officers' commitment to both our country and Taylorsville community.

You can read more about the efforts to create the department and view a video providing information to officers seeking to join TVPD on the city's website at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov/services/tvpd](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov/services/tvpd). As Chief Cottam says in the recruitment video, "We are looking for the best of the best."

"This is a unique opportunity to come work at a brand-new department with amazing support," he said. "We want officers who are willing to work hard to serve a great community that is pro-law enforcement. In turn, we will recognize those efforts and reward officers who go above and beyond what they are hired to do."





## Curb Barking by Expanding Your Dog's World



Spring is here and that means we are out enjoying our yards and so are our pets. With extra time in the yard, dogs barking can become a nuisance to you or your neighbor. Dogs are social creatures and want to be with you. Just because you have a large yard does not mean your dog wants to do anything out there alone. Here are a few tips to keep your dog happy and quiet in his/her yard:


- Dogs are more likely to bark if they are left alone for long periods of time without opportunities for interaction with you.
- His/her environment is relatively barren, without playmates or toys. Have toys and rotate them to keep things fresh and exiting.
- He/she is a puppy or adolescent (under 3 years old) and does not have other outlets for energy. Get out and play with your dog. Adolescent dogs need more of everything, this is the time to set them up with good habits for a happy, healthy life.
- He/she is a particularly active type of dog (like the herding or sporting breeds) who needs a "job" to be happy. Find a job for your dog! It could be learning new tricks, fetching you a dropped item or any number of things. Keeping them engaged keeps them quiet.
- He/she is fearful of things happening around him and needs a safe place to retreat to. These dogs should only be outside when you are so that you can watch their body language and you can help them feel safe. If that's not possible, consider a dog door into your home so your dog has a safe place to retreat to.

### Expand your dog's world and increase his "people time" in the following ways:

- Walk your dog daily – it's good exercise for both of you.
- Teach your dog to fetch a ball or Frisbee and practice with him as often as possible.
- Teach your dog a few commands and/or tricks and practice with them every day for five to 10 minutes.
- Take an obedience class with your dog.
- Provide interesting toys to keep your dog busy when you're not home.
- If your dog is barking to get your attention, make sure he/she has sufficient time with you on a daily basis (petting, grooming, playing and exercising), so your dog doesn't resort to misbehaving to get your attention.
- Keep your dog inside when you're unable to supervise him.
- If you work very long hours, take him to a doggie daycare or have a friend or neighbor walk and/or play with your dog.
- Never give your dog attention while he is barking. Yelling or reprimanding your dog may add to the problem. Ignore him until he/she stops for at least three seconds, then reward with attention or treats.

Find more tips at [www.wvcpets.com](http://www.wvcpets.com)

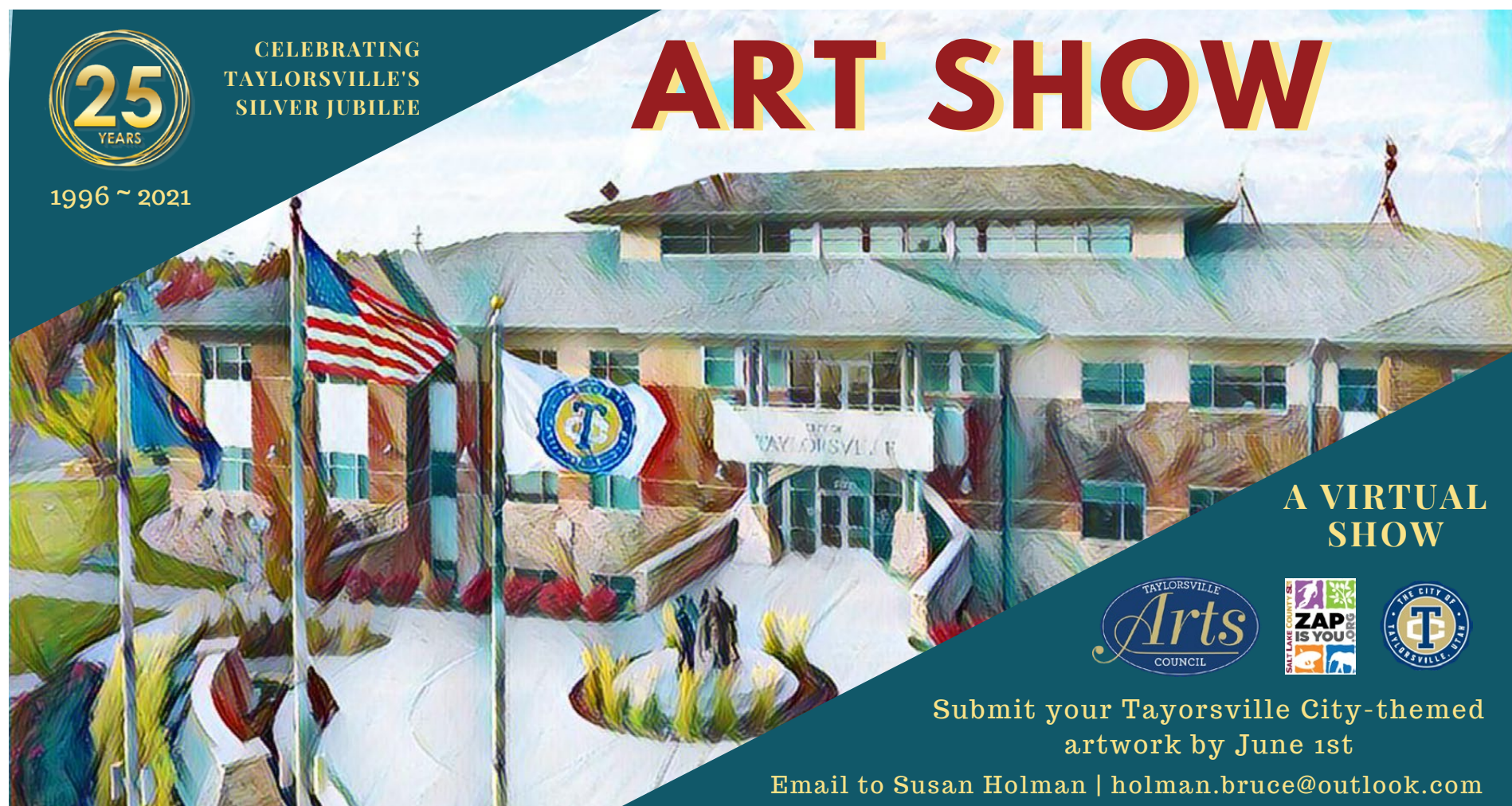







**CELEBRATING  
TAYLORSVILLE'S  
SILVER JUBILEE**

1996 ~ 2021

# ART SHOW



**A VIRTUAL  
SHOW**

**Submit your Taylorville City-themed  
artwork by June 1st**

Email to Susan Holman | [holman.bruce@outlook.com](mailto:holman.bruce@outlook.com)



## YOUTH COUNCIL TOURS MID-VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

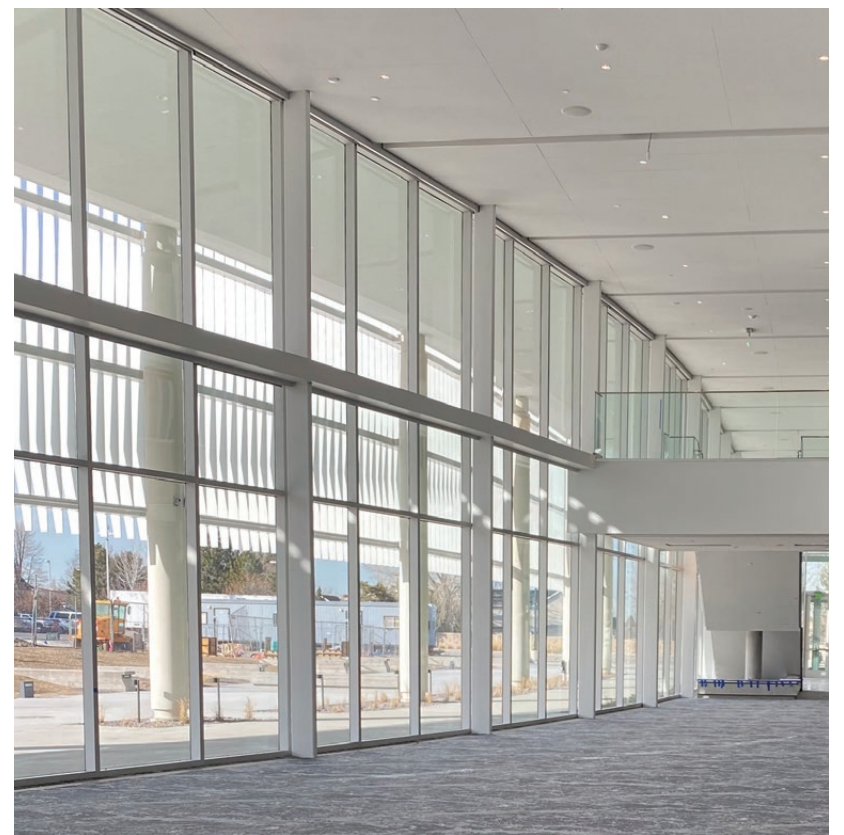
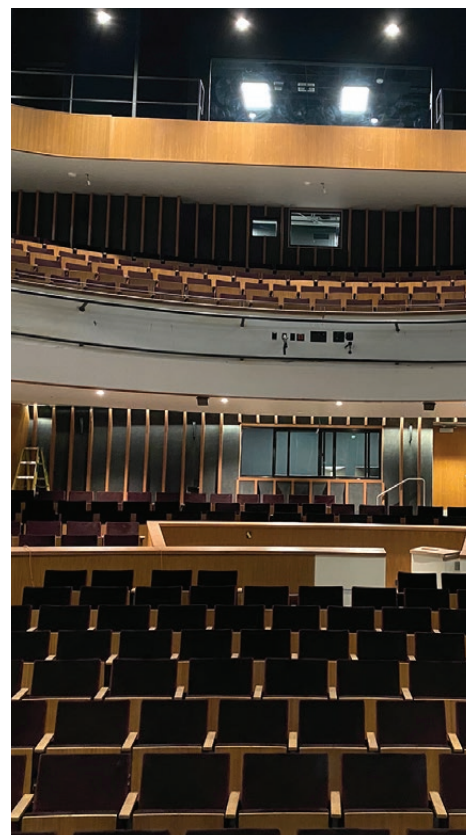


The Youth Council joined city officials this past month in touring the new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center next to City Hall.

There were oohs and aaahs all around as the group glimpsed the new mainstage theater, smaller Studio 5400 theater, dressing rooms, reception area and other amenities. The Performing Arts Center will open this year, with the exact timing contingent on coronavirus gathering precautions.

Work also continues on the Centennial Plaza space in front of City Hall. The landscaped area will include an outdoor stage, restrooms, public art places and kitchen — tying the Performing Arts Center and city offices together into a cohesive, community-centric space. Crews have been working this past month on the water-wall features at the entry to the plaza from 5400 South to Centennial Way.

“It will be a wonderful gathering place, with the Performing Arts Center and City Hall joined with walkways, landscaping and green space,” said Mayor Kristie Overson. “We are very much looking forward to enjoying it for long into the future.”





## Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES

*This month's article highlights the John Nielsen family, as told by Nielsen, who was born in Utah's Millcreek area and raised in Taylorsville.*

Taylorsville was settled by Mormon pioneers and named after Apostle John Taylor of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All my friends were LDS and although my parents were Lutheran, they let me go to Primary and Sunday School, and when I was 8 years old, I asked my parents if I could be baptized and they said it was OK.

I was baptized on Nov. 26, 1915. Mother and Dad always welcomed the ward teachers into our home and in 1935, they joined the LDS Church and were baptized May 4, 1935.

My father was employed by the Salt Lake Pressed Brick Co., but had the foresight to acquire a farm in Taylorsville. He bought 20 to 30 acres of land with a pioneer adobe home, barn and outbuildings on it. We lived in this home for about 10 years, and more children were born: Melvin, Harold, (twins) Clarence and Clara.

After the twins were born we built a red brick bungalow on the hill at 1175 W. 4800 South, and when it was finished in 1918, the old adobe home was torn down.

Our parents taught us the value of work. We stacked and hauled wheat and hay, thinned and topped sugar beets and hauled them to the sugar factory. We milked cows and helped Mother churn butter, wash clothes, wash the kitchen floor, and carry in wood for the wood-burning stove. For fun, we went swimming in the canal and during my teen years, I owned a riding horse.

I attended the Plymouth School in Taylorsville, then Granite High School, where I was on the debating team, stock judging team, secretary of the student body in 1926 and Senior Class President in 1927. I graduated in May 1927.

After graduating, I got a job with Home Land Tailoring selling men's suits and shirts. I was attending the University of Utah when I received a letter from my friend Avon Thomander asking me if I would consider coming to Pittsburg to take a course offered by Westinghouse Electric Corp. Avon's brother Veron was employed by Westinghouse and he helped me get enrolled.

I arrived in Pittsburgh on the night of Feb. 13, 1920, and it as bitter cold and foggy, but I was able to follow Avon's directions and found his dormitory. In the morning, seeing Avon helped my homesickness and I was able to adjust as there was no turning back, being 2,000 miles from home.

In April 1930, Avon and I made a trip out to Salt Lake City, and before leaving to go back East, I became engaged to Louise Carlisle. (I went into debt to buy a diamond ring).



*John, as a young child, gathers with his family in front of their adobe home.*



## TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

### 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive

### Virtual Senior Center is a Hit



Salt Lake County, Aging & Adult Services' Virtual Senior Center has been a huge success with our senior community. The center has been providing a wide variety of programs including crafts, education, exercise, and socialization.

These programs are available through live video conference, live telephone groups, YouTube videos, and self-guided activities that require neither phone nor computer. You can read more about the Virtual Senior Center and view current programs, by accessing the center's newsletter online or stopping by the Taylorsville Senior Center, 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive, during drive-thru lunch hours (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday) to pick up a copy.

Please check out the Taylorsville Senior Center's website, Facebook page, and sign up for their email blast to receive current updates: [www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center](http://www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center)



## Don't Miss These Library Events

The Taylorsville Library has planned several programs during the month of April. You'll want to mark your calendar for these events:

**Library Hours** — *Library Hours are changing back to their regular schedule as of April 12.*

- Current Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday.
- Hours starting April 12: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Closed Sunday.



### Virtual Adult Lecture | The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker

Monday, April 12, 7 p.m.

A'Lelia Bundles, who has a 30-year career as an executive and Emmy-award winning producer with ABC News and NBC News, will highlight the life of entrepreneur and philanthropist, Madam C.J. Walker. Bundles is the author of the book, *On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker*, a biography about her great-great-grandmother. The book is the inspiration for *Self Made*, the fictional Netflix series on Walker's life. Bundles is a graduate of Harvard College and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and is a trustee of Columbia University and chair emerita of the National Archives Foundation.

You must register for this event to receive the link to the WebEx Virtual Lecture.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/rtp47cp8>

### Virtual Adult Lecture | The Mythology of the Superhero

Tuesday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Andrew Bahlmann, associate professor of English at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, will talk about superheroes as a mythology and how that mythology builds on the mythologies that have come before. Bahlmann is the author of *The Mythology of the Superhero*.

You must register for this event to receive the link to the WebEx Virtual Lecture.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ym37jzpv>

### City Nature Challenge

Friday, April 30 to Monday, May 3, Participate

Friday, April 30 to Saturday, May 8, Prize Pickup

Participate in the City Nature Challenge 2021 to earn an eco-friendly prize from the Taylorsville Library. Download the iNaturalist app. Find and photograph nature within the Wasatch boundaries: Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Salt Lake, Summit, Utah, Wasatch and Weber counties. Upload your photos to iNaturalist between April 30 and May 3. Come into Taylorsville Library between April 30 and May 8 and show that you submitted a photo to iNaturalist between the upload dates to pick out a prize. For more information about the City Nature Challenge 2021, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4j59uzuh>



## Wait to Water for Best Landscaping Results

Whether it is a teenager waiting for that 16th birthday to be able to get behind the wheel or that special vacation, it is sometimes hard to wait. But waiting is a good practice in the spring when it comes to landscape watering.

By delaying watering your lawn before Mother's Day, roots will have grown deeper and your lawn will be healthier. This delayed watering benefits the lawn in hotter months when the surface dries out quickly but the roots can access water deeper in the soil.

### General Watering Guide for Central/Northern Utah

#### Lawns

How Often?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil	How Long?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil
Mother's Day (start watering)	Once every 5 days	Once every 3 days	Rotating 	45 min. total	25 min. total
Father's Day	Once every 3 days	Once every 2 days	Fixed 	25 min. total	15 min. total
Labor Day	Once every 5 days	Once every 3 days			
Columbus Day	Stop Watering (winterize)		Use the "cycle and soak" method for lawn. Set each zone for half the time needed, run all zones, then run each station a second time. This minimizes water runoff.		

#### Planting Beds

How Often?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil	How Long?	Clay Soil	Sandy Soil
Mother's Day (start watering)	Once every 7 days	Once every 5 days	Drip (Recommended) 	60 minutes	30 minutes
Father's Day	Once every 4 days	Once every 3 days	Spray 	25 minutes	15 minutes
Labor Day	Once every 7 days	Once every 5 days			
Columbus Day	Stop Watering (winterize)		Drip irrigation in planting beds dramatically reduces weeds while saving water.		

Water before 8 am OR after 8 pm for both lawn and planting beds.

Weather Conditions may impact your watering needs.

[www.ConservationGardenPark.org](http://www.ConservationGardenPark.org)



#### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org).

You can also follow the district on Facebook and Twitter.



## APRIL WFWRD UPDATES

### BAGGING RECYCLABLES

Please do not place anything in your recycling can that is wrapped in plastic bags. WFWRD is still seeing many situations where residents are placing their recyclable materials in plastic bags. The recycling processing facilities will not accept plastic-bagged materials, and they often send them to the landfill, unopened.

Contact Sustainability Coordinator Ethan Morris, [EMorris@wasatchfront-waste.org](mailto:EMorris@wasatchfront-waste.org) or 385-468-6337, if you have specific recycling questions.



### ANNUAL EARTH DAY

Earth Day is on April 22. Help celebrate our beautiful planet and practice conservation efforts by reducing the use of disposable plastics, recycling your e-waste and buying local produce. More information and suggestions can be found at [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org).

### ILLEGAL DUMPING



Utah Administrative Code R315 requires all waste to be disposed of at a properly designated disposal facility. It is illegal to dispose of any waste at any other location. If residents see any illegal dumping, they should contact the Salt Lake County Health Department at 385-468-4100.



### BROKEN/DAMAGED CANS

If your garbage or recycle can is broken or damaged, please call the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District office at 385-468-6325. They will come and repair your cans as part of your fees for services. You can also complete an online service order request at <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/report-a-problem-or-request-service/>